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Super-Soldier. Avenger. Agent of Hydra. He is...

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When Steve Rogers was restored to fighting form by a sentient Cosmic Cube named Kobik, the world celebrated Captain America's return--but what no one knew was that the Red Skull had raised Kobik to believe in the ideals of Hydra, and when she brought Captain America back, she rewrote his history to make him the perfect Hydra sleeper agent.

In Steve's new reality, a woman named Elisa Sinclair recruited him to the villainous organization as a young boy, and he'll do anything for the cause--including pushing his longtime ally Jack Flag out of a plane to keep him from apprehending Kobik's former handler and fellow Hydra agent, Dr. Erik Selvig.

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DOING WHAT **HAS** TO BE DONE IS RARELY **EASY.**

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE **REAL CHANGE** IN THIS WORLD ARE THE ONES WILLING TO **SACRIFICE**--THE ONES WILLING TO DO THE THINGS **NO ONE ELSE** WILL.

IN TERMS OF **OTHER** CONTINUING PROJECTS, THE REPAINTING OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS COMING ALONG NICELY--

1922.
LOWER EAST SIDE OF NEW YORK.

--AND WE CONTINUE TO LOBBY **COUNCILMEMBER PATRICK** TO GET A NEW **PLAYGROUND** BUILT. SO FAR, HE'S RESISTANT, BUT THE MEN'S GROUP IS CONFIDENT WE CAN CHANGE HIS MIND.

BUT PERHAPS **BEST** OF ALL, WE WERE ABLE TO FEED AND CLOTHE OVER ONE HUNDRED OF OUR MOST DESTITUTE NEIGHBORS THIS PAST SATURDAY!

OF COURSE, NONE OF THAT WOULD'VE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT ONE OF OUR **NEWEST** MEMBERS--

--**SARAH ROGERS**. WITH HER HELP, THE CHARITY DRIVE SET A NEW **MONTHLY RECORD!**

OH, T-THANK YOU--I'M JUST GLAD I COULD HELP...

WE **ALL** ARE. WELL, IF THAT CONCLUDES TONIGHT'S ADJUDICATIONS, I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD THROW UP THE **CHEER** ONE LAST TIME?

HAIL HYDRA!

WONDERFUL MEETING, LADIES. I FEEL LIKE WE ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT DEAL. AND I'LL SEE SOME OF YOU NEXT TUESDAY AT THE **RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING!**

AH, SARAH? BEFORE YOU GO--A **WORD,** PLEASE?

WHY YES, OF COURSE, ELISA...

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

OH, CERTAINLY-- IN FACT, QUITE ***MARVELOUS,*** REALLY. YOU'VE BECOME AN INDISPENSABLE MEMBER OF THE GROUP SO QUICKLY! I APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING ME LOOK GOOD.

OH. T-THANK YOU! IT'S JUST-- IT'S SO NICE TO FEEL LIKE I'M ***PART*** OF SOMETHING. MAKING A ***DIFFERENCE--***

YOU CERTAINLY ARE. AND MY LITTLE HERO, ***STEVEN--*** HE SEEMS HAPPY, AS WELL.

COMING HERE IS HIS FAVORITE PART OF THE WEEK. HE ASKS ABOUT YOU CONSTANTLY-- AND ABOUT THE NEW ***PLAYGROUND,*** OBVIOUSLY.

OBVIOUSLY.

IS THIS ABOUT ***HIM?*** BECAUSE I KNOW YOU WANTED ME TO JOIN THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE... I'M JUST--NOT SURE I CAN, WITH MY DUTIES AT HOME.

NO. THAT IS DISAPPOINTING TO HEAR, BUT I UNDERSTAND-- WE'VE ALREADY GOT YOU SIGNED UP FOR SO MANY THINGS.

I ACTUALLY WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR ***SCARF.***

M-MY SCARF?

YES. WHERE DID YOU GET IT?

IT'S FROM THE MILL. IT WAS AMONG THE DAMAGED STOCK--BUT I STILL PAID FOR THE MATERIALS!

OH, I DON'T CARE IF YOU ***PAID*** FOR IT, SARAH--FOR HOW HARD YOU WORK AND THE ***PITTANCE*** THEY GIVE YOU IN RETURN, YOU SHOULD TAKE ONE EVERY ***DAY.***

NO, I WAS SIMPLY STRUCK BY ITS COLOR. LOVELY. AND FOR YOU TO WEAR IT ***INSIDE,*** EVEN IN A ROOM AS ***STUFFY*** AS THIS ONE GETS--

QUITE THE STATEMENT.

ELISA, PLEASE--HE'S GETTING ***BETTER,*** I PROMISE. HE'S FOUND WORK AND HE'S DRINKING LESS. HE JUST--HE MADE A MISTAKE IS ALL.

OF COURSE HE DID, DEAR--

"--WE ALL HAVE OUR WEAKNESSES."

TODAY.

"THERE ARE MANY RISINGS AND ADVANCINGS OF THE SPIRIT."

VRRRRRR

VRRRRRR

YOU ARE LATE.

FORGIVE ME, SUPREME LEADER.

HM. THAT WILL VERY MUCH DEPEND, HERR ROGERS--

--ON WHAT HAPPENED IN BAGALIA.

BAGALIA CITY. THE DAY BEFORE.

STEVE-- STEVE, IT'S **SHARON.** COME IN, STEVE--

SORRY, SHAR. NEED TO KEEP YOU **MUTED** FOR NOW.

REROUTING. AUTOPILOT ENGAGED.

CAPTAIN...

DOCTOR SELVIG.

SO IT'S **TRUE,** THEN--THE SUPREME LEADER PROMISED YOU WOULD ONE DAY **JOIN** WITH US, BUT--I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT...

I SERVE FOR THE GLORY OF **HYDRA.** THE **TRUE** HYDRA.

YES, NOT **ZEMO'S** LITTLE CHARADE.

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW **MISERABLE** BACKPACKING THROUGH ASIA WITH HIM WAS. NOTHING LIKE **COLLEGE.**

STILL UNCONSCIOUS. GOOD.

AH, WELL--IT WILL BE WONDERFUL TO GET BACK TO MY WORK. WE MUST FIND **KOBIK,** AFTER ALL. AND I AM SO EAGER TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO THE **RED SKULL** FOR HIS EFFORTS TO **RESCUE** ME--

DOCTOR, I THINK-- I THINK YOU **MISUNDERSTAND** WHY I'M HERE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I--

NO. OH, NO.

THE HYDRA SUPREME WISHES TO ***THANK*** YOU FOR YOUR COMMITTED SERVICE AND YOUR TIRELESS PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE ON HIS BEHALF. YOU HAVE DONE ***GREAT THINGS,*** ALL FOR THE GLORY OF HYDRA.

WAIT-- ***NO***--YOU CAN'T DO THIS! YOU ***CAN'T***--

I'M SORRY, DOCTOR--

--I REALLY DO WISH THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY.

NO! CAPTAIN! WAIT-- PLEASE!

ATTENTION-- YOU ARE ABOUT TO REACH YOUR DESTINATION.

HH?

SO... ZEMO IS DEAD.

THE FOOL. A LIFE RUINED BY A POOR SENSE OF BALANCE AND AN OBSESSION WITH ADHESIVES.

I SUPPOSE THAT'S THE END OF THE "WAR FOR HYDRA," THEN. QUITE **ANTICLIMACTIC,** REALLY.

YES, MY LORD. BUT--

--THE DOCTOR-- ERIK SELVIG...

WHAT ABOUT HIM?

IT'S JUST-- COULDN'T HE HAVE BEEN USEFUL? HE COULD FIND KOBIK--

KOBIK HAS GONE TO THE **STARS,** CAPTAIN, LIKE ALL HER KIND **BEFORE** HER. IF SHE HAD NOT, SHE WOULD HAVE COME TO ME.

YES, SIR...

BESIDES, SELVIG'S RAPPORT WITH THE CUBE HAD ALREADY **DISSOLVED.** THAT'S HOW HE ENDED UP WITH ZEMO IN THE **FIRST PLACE.**

NO, THE DOCTOR SERVED HIS PURPOSE, ALL THAT REMAINED WAS HIS **END.** AND WITH HIS DEATH, THE DEATH OF HIS **SECRETS.** SO, THEN--

--IT SOUNDS AS IF WE MAY CONSIDER THIS OPERATION A **SUCCESS,** YES?

NO. NOT--NOT **ENTIRELY,** SIR--

"THERE WERE *COMPLICATIONS.*"

JACK!

CATHY? CATHY--THIS IS **SHARON.** WHAT'S HAPPENING?

H-HE **FELL**... I SAW HIM FALL-- HE'S **NOT MOVING!**

DAMN IT.

CATHY, WE'RE COMING TO YOU. WE'VE GOT A MED TEAM ON STANDBY-- STAY WITH HIM, WE'RE MOVING FAST AS WE CAN.

DE-CLOAK AND DESCEND.

UH, COMMANDER, **BEFORE** WE DO THAT, MAYBE--

I SAID **DE-CLOAK** AND **DESCEND,** SPECIALIST. **NOW,** PLEASE--

UH, SHARON--

SORRY, I MEAN, **COMMANDER** SHARON? I THINK WHAT THE WOMAN WHO'S AFRAID OF LOSING HER JOB IS TRYING TO SAY IS, THIS IS A **COVERT** OP...IN **BAGALIA.** A CITY PRIMARILY POPULATED BY SUPER VILLAINS.

YOU BRING THE SHIP DOWN AND DISABLE THE CLOAKTECH--IT'S PROBABLY NOT COMING BACK UP AGAIN.

THINK **BLACK HAWK DOWN,** BUT WITH DUDES WHO CAN SHOOT **LASER BEAMS** OUT OF THEIR **EYES.**

-SIGH- **COME ON,** STEVE, WHERE ARE YOU?

COMMANDER? GETTING REPORTS OF AN **AIR CRUISER** CRASHING INTO A HIGH-RISE TEN BLOCKS WEST-- MATCHES THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ONE **CAPTAIN ROGERS** WAS IN--

OKAY, THAT'S IT--WE'RE ENDING THIS.

ATTENTION, EVERYONE. IF YOU HAVE **WEAPONS TRAINING--** IF YOU'VE GOT A **SIDEARM--** REPORT TO THE LOWER DECK. WE'RE GOING TO NEED **EVERY BULLET WE'VE GOT** TO GET OUT OF HERE.

THIS MISSION IS EFFECTIVELY **CANCELED.** WE'RE NOW **SEARCH** AND **RESCUE--**

OH GOD, NO...PLEASE, JACK--JACK, WAKE UP--

SHARON! **HURRY! HE'S NOT BREATHING!**

WHOA--

GUY LOOKS PRETTY *HAMMERED.*

YEAH. MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE A LOOK. MAKE SURE HIS *WALLET'S* OKAY.

NO-- IT'S--IT'S *FINE.* MOVE ALONG...

THAT A REQUEST, OR SOME KIND OF ORDER? BECAUSE, THIS PLACE, WE DON'T TEND TO GET A LOT OF ORDERS...

BUT THEN, YOU SURE DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE FROM AROUND HERE.

YEAH, S'TRUE. NOT A LOTTA FLAG-THEMED SUPER VILLAINS. WHICH IS WEIRD, REALLY.

I MEAN, JUST 'CAUSE I'M A *SOCIOPATHIC MERCENARY* DON'T MEAN I'M NOT *PATRIOTIC.* I PAY *TAXES.* THEN AGAIN--

--WORLD'S NOT ALWAYS AN UNDERSTANDING PLACE.

OH, I DON'T KNOW, CROSSFIRE--

--I FIND IT'S ALL IN YOUR *ATTITUDE.*

NOW, PLEASE, KEEP WALKING. I'M JUST HERE TO PICK UP MY FRIENDS.

FINE. GUESS THAT'S WHAT WE GET FOR BEING *GOOD SAMARITANS.*

YEAH, WE GOT *MARIAH CAREY* TICKETS ANYHOW.

-SIGH- AND *THIS* IS WHERE MY *TAX DOLLARS* GO. *IMPERIALISM!*

CATHY-- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

HE--I DON'T THINK HE'S ***BREATHING...***

IT'S OKAY--

MED TEAM! COME ON, PEOPLE, LET'S GET A ***MOVE ON***--THE ***REST*** OF YOU, KEEP US COVERED. ***EVERY SECOND COUNTS!***

GOOD, GOOD, HURRY NOW--

--NATIVES ARE ALREADY STARTING TO GET A LITTLE ***RESTLESS...*** LAST ***THING*** WE NEED IS--

WELL, LOOKEE WHO WE GOT HERE.

HEY, SHAR. I LIKE THE WHOLE ***MRS. ROBINSON*** VIBE.

TASKMASTER... GUESSING YOU WERE ZEMO'S BACKUP IN THE FIELD? MAKES SENSE, I UNDERSTAND HE'S PRETTY ***CASH-STRAPPED.***

ZEMO? NAH, AIN'T BEEN IN BUSINESS WITH THAT GUY FOR A ***WHILE*** NOW. BUT THEN, I GUESS YOU DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT MY ***NEW*** GIG--

--I'M THE SHERIFF 'ROUND THESE HERE PARTS.

NOW, THE WAY ***I*** SEE IT--WE GOT YOU ON A ***NUMBER*** OF CHARGES: INVASION OF A SOVEREIGN TERRITORY, FIRING A DEADLY WEAPON AT OUR CITIZENS, PARKING IN A SCHOOL BUS ZONE--

CHARGES? ***SHERIFF?*** THIS IS ***BAGALIA.*** "NO LAWS" IS WHAT YOU PRINT ON THE POSTCARD. YOU PEOPLE--IT'S THE ***HYPOCRISY*** THAT KILLS ME.

NAH, HONEY--

--***I'M*** WHAT KILLS YA.

HRRRK!

SORRY, COMMANDER. GOTTA PROTECT THAT TRIPADVISOR RATING. I'M SURE YOU--

OOF!

UHNN... KNEW YOU MADE IT OUT--

NOT ***FAST*** ENOUGH. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

FINE. JUST--

HNN--!

GO.

ROGERS. SHOULDA ***KNOWN*** YOU'D BE TRAILING. BEEN MEANING TO ASK-- WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THAT NEW ***SHIELD?*** DON'T SEEM VERY AERODYNAMIC--

HRRK!

YOU

DON'T

EVER

TOUCH

HER

AGAIN!

ACTUALLY-- THINK I'M COMIN' AROUND ON THE SHIELD...

COME ON...W-WE SHOULD GO BEFORE--

ATTENTION, CITIZENS OF BAGALIA! WE HAVE BEEN INVADED BY S.H.I.E.L.D. IN RESPONSE, WE HEREBY FORMALLY DECLARE A STATE OF--

--MARTIAL LAW!

BEFORE THAT.

CLOSE RANKS--WATCH EACH OTHER'S BACKS!

FREE SPIRIT, YOU'RE ***STALLED***--I NEED YOU MOVING TOWARDS THE SHIP!

NO! I'M NOT GONNA LEAVE HIM BEHIND!

UNFF-- WE MIGHT BE ARGUING A ***MOOT POINT*** HERE, PEOPLE. THE RATE THIS IS GOING--

--WE'LL BE LUCKY IF THERE'S A SHIP ***LEFT.***

RICK--HOW ARE WE HOLDING UP IN THERE?

WORST BOOZE CRUISE ***EVER,*** SHARON!

WELL, BUCKLE IN--I NEED YOU ***BRAINSTORMING SOLUTIONS*** UP THERE!

WHAT KIND OF "SOLUTION" DOES SHE THINK WE'RE GONNA COME UP WITH?!

RIGHT? IDEA ONE--DON'T PISS OFF A THOUSAND ***SUPER VILLAINS*** WHO ARE ***ALREADY MAD*** THEY'RE GETTING CLEARED OUT AT THE TABLES!

HEY, WAIT--THAT'S ***IT!*** I GOT IT--

ATTENTION, ALL BAD GUYS! THIS IS **RICK JONES**--BUT YOU MIGHT REMEMBER ME AS TV'S **THE WHISPERER**--THE MYSTERY HACKER THAT BROUGHT DOWN S.H.I.E.L.D.... UNTIL THEY, UM, CAUGHT ME. IGNORE THAT.

ANYHOO, I'VE MANAGED TO BREAK INTO THE NETWORKS OF **ALL FOURTEEN** MAJOR CASINOS ON THE BAGALIA STRIP--AND I'M ABOUT TO EMPTY **EVERY LAST ACCOUNT** LISTED ON THEIR SERVERS.

WHICH MEANS, IF YOU'VE GOT CHIPS, YOU'VE GOT APPROXIMATELY **THREE MINUTES** TO CASH THEM BEFORE THEY BECOME **DRINK COASTERS.**

SO, ASK YOURSELVES--WHICH IS MORE **IMPORTANT** TO YOU?

FINALLY GETTING BACK AT THAT MEAN OLD **CAPTAIN AMERICA**--

--OR **LOSING EVERY LAST PENNY YOU'VE GOT** BEFORE THE HOUSE EVEN LIFTS A FINGER?

IS HE **SERIOUS?!** THAT IS THE **STUPIDEST** PLAN I HAVE EVER--

--HEARD.

I GOTTA GET BACK **IN** THERE! MY WIFE IS GONNA KILL ME IF I LOSE THE KIDS' COLLEGE MONEY!

MY WIFE DOESN'T EVEN **KNOW** I'M **HERE!**

WAY TO THINK ON YOUR FEET, RICK.

DON'T SWEAT IT, CAP-- I'M FROM **ARIZONA,** REMEMBER? LOTTA WEEKENDS IN VEGAS.

LET'S MOVE IT, PEOPLE! NOT GONNA GET ANOTHER MIRACLE LIKE THAT...

CATHY... I AM SO SORRY--I TRIED TO **SAVE** HIM, I JUST--

-SNIFF- I KNOW. HE SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO YOU. HE JUST--

HEY! I NEED MY KIT-- **NOW!**

WE'VE GOT A **PULSE** OVER HERE!

HE'S ALIVE?!

I DIDN'T THINK HE COULD **SURVIVE** A FALL LIKE THAT... BUT JACK'S **STRONG.** ALWAYS **HAS** BEEN.

YOU **FOOL!** HOW COULD YOU BE SO **CARELESS**-- YOU SHOULD'VE **INCINERATED** HIM WITH THE OTHERS!

THAT WASN'T AN **OPTION,** MY LORD--

--JACK'S STRENGTH MADE HIM TOO MUCH OF A **RISK.** I NEEDED TO ELIMINATE HIM FROM THE BOARD. AND BESIDES...

...HE DESERVED A PROPER **FUNERAL.**

..."DESERVED"?

DESERVED?!

WHAT DO **I** DESERVE?!

I AM THE **SUPREME HYDRA!** I AM YOUR **LEADER!** I AM YOUR **LIFE!**

AND YET YOU JEOPARDIZE EVERYTHING WE DO WITH THIS **CARELESSNESS**-- NO, NOT CARELESSNESS--

--MERCY.

YOU ARE TOO **SOFT,** HERR ROGERS. IT IS CLOUDING YOUR JUDGMENT. FOR INSTANCE, TELL ME--

"--WHY DID YOU TRY TO SAVE THE **PAWN** IN THE **TRAIN BOMBING?**"

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THE MISSION WAS ***INTENDED*** TO FAIL--WE HAVE TO MAKE THEM BELIEVE I'M ***SUCCEEDING*** IN FIGHTING HYDRA--

BUT AT NO TIME WERE YOU INSTRUCTED TO STOP THE BOY FROM DETONATING THE DEVICE.

IT JUST-- I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ***BETTER*** NOT TO LOSE A RECRUIT SO DEVOTED TO THE CAUSE...

*HM--WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO DO, THEN? **ARREST** HIM? SO THAT HE COULD GO AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS AT S.H.I.E.L.D. THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS **CELL?** NAME HIS FELLOW **OPERATIVES?***

*HE WAS **WEAK,** AND YOU TOOK **PITY** ON HIM. IN DOING SO, YOU BETRAYED EVERYTHING THAT HYDRA STANDS FOR.*

*CUT OFF **ONE** LIMB, **TWO MORE** SHALL TAKE ITS PLACE. IT IS A GOOD BARGAIN FOR US, YES?*

I'M SORRY, MY LORD. I FAILED YOU... IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

*NO, IT WILL NOT. BUT THAT IS NOT **YOUR** ASSURANCE TO GIVE. IT IS **MINE.** THERE IS MUCH **WORK** FOR US TO DO. AFTER ALL--*

*BUT ONLY IF WE START **CUTTING OFF** LIMBS.*

*--THE HOUR OF OUR **VICTORY** IS AT HAND.*

"EVEN NOW, OUR ENEMIES FALL INTO THE TRAP WE HAVE SET--

"--TURNING ON ONE ANOTHER, BICKERING AMONGST THEMSELVES--

"--SEDUCED BY THEIR OWN THIRST FOR POWER--

"--AND POISONED BY THE SECRETS THEY KEEP."

WE CANNOT KNOW THE ORDER OF ALL THINGS. WE WILL WAIT FOR OUR **MOMENT,** AND THEN WE WILL TAKE FROM THEM ALL THEY HAVE **BUILT.**

BUT BEFORE ANY OF THIS IS TO HAPPEN-- BEFORE I APPEAR TO YOU AGAIN-- ONE THING WE **CAN** KNOW--

"--THIS **JACK FLAG** WILL BE DEAD."

LIKE I SAID BEFORE--DOING WHAT MUST BE DONE IS RARELY EASY.

IN FACT, SOMETIMES THE COST IS *UNBEARABLE.*

BUT WE MUST PERSEVERE.

THROUGH THE PAIN--

ROGERS

--AND THE SORROW--

--AND THE SACRIFICE.

WE DO ALL THIS BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN SOMETHING.

BECAUSE WE HAVE *FAITH.*

ROGERS

NOT EVERYONE CAN SHOW THAT KIND OF *RESOLVE*.

MANY SIMPLY CHOOSE THE *EASY* WAY OUT.

USUALLY DOESN'T END WELL.

BUT THAT'S NOT THE WAY I WAS TAUGHT.

WHICH IS WHY I HAVE DEDICATED MYSELF TO THIS.

I KNOW THE RISKS. I KNOW THE DANGERS.

I KNOW I WILL PROBABLY NOT SURVIVE IT. BUT STILL--

--I HAVE TO TRY.

WHICH MEANS THE ONLY QUESTION THAT REMAINS IS--

--WILL I HAVE TO DO IT ALONE?

SO, DR. SELVIG...

...ARE YOU READY TO DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE?

CIVIL WAR II

NEXT